(b) whether in such cases on the payment of court fee based on assessment, succession certificate is not legally required, yet the same is called for; and

(c) if so, the details of the rules in vogue for the issuance of succession certificate and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS): (a) and (c) A succession certificate may be granted under the Indian Succession Act, 1925 to any person claiming to be entitled to the effects of a deceased person with respect to any debt or security. A detailed procedure for application and grant of succession certificate has been laid down in Part X of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.

(b) No, Sir. Section 379 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 provides that every application for a succession certificate or for its extension shall be accompanied by a deposit of sum equal to the fee payable under the Court-fees Act, 1870.

Setting up of family courts

2340. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) since enactment of the Family Courts' Act 1984, how many family courts are operational, State-wise;

(b) the funding process for setting up of the family courts;

(c) whether against a target of 15 family courts, the NCT of Delhi does not have even a single such court operative as on today; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS): (a) 123 Family Courts have been set up in various parts of the country since enactment of the Family Courts Act, 1984. A Statement indicating State-wise details of Family Courts set up is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The Central Government provides 50% of the estimated expenditure to the State Governments for setting up of the Family Courts.

with a matching share from the State Governments. Rs. 10 lakhs per court is provided for establishment, and Rs. 5 lakhs per court towards its recurring expenditure.

(c) and (d) Six locations have been identified by the High Court of Delhi for setting up of the Family Courts. Out of these, four plots have been acquired by the NCT of Delhi, and their possession handed over to the Public Works Department of NCT recently for construction of family court buildings.

Statement

State-wise details of Family Courts set up in the country

Position: No. of Family Courts Established as on 31.7.2003.

Sl.No.	Name of the State	No. of Family Courts
1.	Maharashtra	16
2.	Delhi	15
3.	Uttar Pradesh	14
4.	Karnataka	10
5.	Kerala	9
6.	Andhra Pradesh	8
7.	Madhya Pradesh	7
8.	Gujarat	7
9.	Rajasthan	6
10.	Tamil Nadu	6
11.	Uttaranchal	5
12.	Jharkhand	4
13.	West Bengal	3
14.	Bihar	3
15.	Orissa	2
16.	Manipur	2
17.	Tripura	1
18.	Sikkim	1
19.	Pondicherry	1
20.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
21.	Chhattisgarh	1
22.	Assam	1
	TOTAL:	123